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Kenneth Fisher House
West side of Priceville Rd.
south of Belfast Rd.
Not accessible
Pre-1798

One of the oldest houses in the district, the Kenneth Fisher house appears on the 1798 Federal Direct Tax Assessment as the dwelling place of Daniel Price. Its three bay, two room plan related it to other early homes of this region, especially Thistle Down Farm which was also the home of Quakers closely related to the Price family.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Kenneth Fisher House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

15200
West side of Priceville Road south of Belfast Road

CITY, TOWN

Sparks

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Kenneth E. Fisher

Telephone #: Unlisted

STREET & NUMBER

Priceville Road

CITY, TOWN

Sparks

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21152

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 3139

Folio #: 392

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Kenneth Fisher House is a two and one-half storey stone house, three bays in length, its principal facade to the south. A three bay stone addition, with walls and roof coincidental with the original, extends from its west end. A frame one and one-half storey wing extends from its east end.

The original portion of this house measures approximately 20 by 31 feet; the west addition measures approximately 20 by 24 feet. The original portion dates from before 1798 as it appears on the Federal Direct Tax records for that year. The west addition dates from ca. 1825-1840 and the east frame addition dates from the mid-twentieth century, said to replace an earlier kitchen wing of similar size with a large stone fireplace.

The principal entrance was originally in the middle bay of this dwelling and it opened into a larger room in the two easterly bays. That entrance and the westerly window have been transposed and the smaller room in the westerly bay is now a hall with a mid-twentieth century open staircase to the second floor. The window and door frames are wide, with pegged mortise-and-tenon joints and backbands. Windows are 6/6 and the driven iron pintels in the frames formerly supported shutters on wrought-iron strap hinges. A stone chimney rises flush with each gable and a single dormer centered on the southerly roof slope provides light in the attic storey.

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ERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Unknown

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

One of the oldest houses in this district, the Kenneth Fisher house is located on the west side of Priceville Road, just south of Beliaast Road.

This was the home of Daniel Price (1761-1846), and the original portion appears on the 1798 Federal Direct Tax Assessment. Daniel Price and his brothers divided a large farm known as Sammy's Meadows Enlarged which they had inherited from their father, Samuel. The Prices were descended from one of the early Maryland settlers, Thomas Price, who came into Baltimore County from the West River, Anne Arundel County. They were staunch Quakers and their graves may still be found at the Gunpowder Friends Meeting Cemetery. So many Prices occupied this area that the village at the crossroads of Belfast and Priceville Roads was named in their honor.

Daniel Price left this property to his son, Joel, and subsequently, Isaac Price and his children became the owners. In 1878, to settle Isaac's estate, the house and farm were sold, but the acreage remained intact. However, in the mid-1950's the land surrounding the house was sub-divided and is now the site of a development known as Bellclare.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Federal Direct Tax Assesment of 1798.

Baltimore County Taxes: 1818, 1823.

(See Continuation Sheet #3)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.5 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

For Valleys Historical District Project

DATE

September 1976

STREET & NUMBER

1114 Bellemore Road

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Continuation Sheet #1

Question #7 continued

The windows of the west wing are 6/6 with narrow beaded frames; blinds or shutters are missing. A stone chimney rises flush with its west gable end and a stone-walled gable-roofed enclosure shelters the basement entrance through the west end wall near the southwest corner. An exterior entrance to the first floor is centered on the south front and in the easterly bay of the north front.

A one-storey hipped-roof porch extends across the four middle bays of the entire south front. Its short Tuscan columns are supported on tall pedestals of rock-faced concrete block.

Internally, the original plan of the earliest section is described above. The original stair was enclosed and winding, north of the east chimney; a similar stair in that location survives from the second to the attic floor. The mantel in the east room of the first floor is probably original, consisting of engaged oval columns supporting a paneled frieze with arched-panel end blocks. Most architraves remain in the hall, formerly the smaller east room. Most trim and the fully-raised six-panel doors remain in the second storey although the floorplan has been altered slightly to accomodate the stair, bathrooms and closets. Fireplaces in the west chimney are eliminated in both storeys.

A two-paneled door connects the original house and the wing, a characteristic door of the period of that addition. The west wing consists of one large room in the first storey, two long rooms in the second. Original trim remains at most openings, consisting of a two-plane architrave with an applied cyma-recta backband. Built-in closets flank the

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Continuation Sheet #2

Question #7 continued

fireplace in the first storey, open above the chair rail and with a single wide paneled door below.

In the attic, both sections have straight-sawn rafters half-lapped and pegged at the ridge. Collar beams are dovetailed in and nailed -- with handmade nails in the older section, with cut nails in the addition. Structural members are slightly larger in the older section. The stone west gable wall of the older section remains in place, its northerly window enlarged as a passageway.

In the cellar, new joists support the first floor. Arched supports are beneath both original chimneys and a large fireplace, formerly fitted with a crane, is in the basement of the west wing.

Continuation Sheet #3

Question #9 continued

Matthews-Price Chart. Genealogical Manuscript. Maryland Historical Society.
Sidney, J.C. Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland. (Baltimore,
1850).